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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously Cancelled)
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8. (Previously Cancelled)
9. (Presently Amended) A method comprising:
running guest software in a processor mode that enables the guest software to
operate at a privilege level intended by the guest software;
identifying an attempt of the guest software to perform an operation restricted by
said processor mode;

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determining that whether the attempt of the guest software would succeed if the guest software was running outside said processor mode;

allowing the guest software to attempt the operation if the attempt of the guest software would not succeed if the guest software was running outside said processor mode; and

exiting said processor mode to transfer control over the operation to a virtual machine monitor running outside said processor mode if the attempt of the guest software would succeed if the guest software was running outside said processor mode.

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